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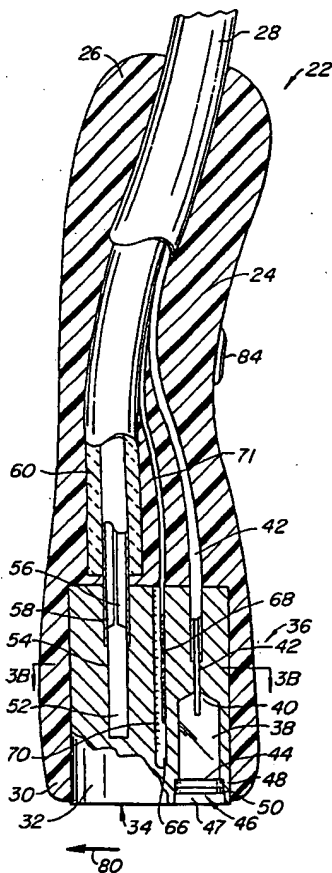
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(57) Abstract: A hair removal device (22) includes a cooling surface (34) which is used to contact the skin (6) prior to exposure to hair tissue-damaging laser light (74) passing from a radiation source (36) through a recessed window (46). The window is laterally offset from the cooling surface and is spaced apart from the cooling surface in a direction away from the patient's skin to create a gap between the window and the skin. The window preferably includes both an inner window (46) and an outer, user-replaceable window (48). The laser-pulse duration is preferably selected according to the general diameter of the hair.



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1. Claims: 1-22

Hair removal device with skin-cooling element and offset, recessed window for laser passage

2. Claims: 23-38

Hair removal device with skin-cooling element, offset window for laser passage and laser power input means.

3. Claims: 39-47

Method for hair removal comprising determining hair diameter and selecting pulse duration.

4. Claim : 48

Method for preparing to apply laser radiation with a hair removal device determining time intervals for cooling or between laser applications.

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